

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at the Council Chambers, 6120 Broadway, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2009.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper
Mayor Pro-Tempore Bill Kiel
Councilman Stan McCormick
Councilman Bobby Rosenthal
Councilwoman Susan Harwell

Also attending were:

City Manager Rebecca Waldman
City Attorney Mike Brenan
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Shawn P. Eddy
Assistant to City Manager/Information Technology Manager Marian Ramirez
Finance Director Cynthia Barr
Community Development Director Ann McGlone
Human Resource Manager/Deputy City Secretary Judith E. Surratt
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf
Police Chief Rick Pruitt

Absent was:

Councilwoman Jill Souter

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Mayor Louis Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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Mayor Cooper announced that Councilwoman Jill Souter would not be in attendance due to illness.

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Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any corrections to the minutes of the August 24, 2009, City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Susan Harwell to approve the minutes of August 24, 2009 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stan McCormick and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 City Manager's Report

a. Recognition of Dr. Ralph Terpolilli for 20 years of service as Medical Director for the City of Alamo Heights

Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf announced Dr. Ralph Terpolilli's resignation as Medical Director. Dr. Terpolilli thanked Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, the Mayor and City Council for the recognition.

b. Recognition of Tom McGaughy for the 22 years of service as member and Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Louis Cooper announced Tom McGaughy's resignation as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission and recognized Mr. McGaughy for his 22 years of service. Mr. McGaughy thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

John Grable, Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, 208 Wildrose Avenue, testified to Mr. McGaughy's accomplishments and thanked him for his leadership.

c. Introduction of the new Community Development Director, Brian Chandler

Community Development Director Ann McGlone introduced Brian Chandler who will replace her as Community Development Director and briefly described his job experience and current professional affiliations.

d. Update on the VIA Smart Way SA Project

Community Development Director Brian Chandler provided an update on the VIA Smart Way SA Project. Mr. Chandler summarized the objective of the project is to identify priority corridors for future expansion of public transit and consideration of alternate modes of transit. Updates to the City Council related specifically to the proposed streetcar system will be provided as the project moves forward. Mr. Chandler will serve on the Technical Advisory Group on the VIA Smart Way SA Project.

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Citizens To Be Heard Concerning Non-Agenda Items

Margaret Houston, 140 Patterson Avenue, spoke about two upcoming events, the Emergency Services Citizens Academy and the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Explorer Competition (AALEEC). Ms. Houston commented on the City's ISO rating. She also encouraged the public to buy local.

Rob Rodriguez, 23702 Jenkins, San Antonio, introduced himself as a candidate for San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors, District Three. He briefly spoke of his career background and stated his objectives.

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Consent Items

Item # 4 Mayor Cooper read the following captions.

Request for permission to refund a duplicate overpayment of 2008 property taxes to Lender Processing Services, Inc. for the property located at 123 Hubbard Street, in the amount of \$663.21

A motion for approval was made by Councilman Bobby Rosenthal. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kiel and passed by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing

Item # 5 **Second Public Hearing on the FY 2010 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate**

At 6:04 p.m., Mayor Cooper opened the Public Hearing on the FY 2010 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate. There being no public comment, Mayor Cooper closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Item # 6 **Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Operating Budget**

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Cooper opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Operating Budget. There being no public comment, Mayor Cooper closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 7 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1840

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Community Development Director Ann McGlone presented the nominated candidates and the reappointments of the members of the Boards and Commission. Staff recommended approval.

Ms. McGlone explained that this ordinance would approve the Mayor's nominations to fill unexpired terms to the City's Architectural Review Board (ARB), Board of Adjustment (BOA), and Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission. Thomas Sanders was

nominated to fill the unexpired term of Grant McFarland on the Board of Adjustment (BOA). Joe Donnelly and Jim Shelton were nominated to fill the unexpired terms of Tom McGaughy and Ed Kopplow on the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). The Mayor nominated Lori Becknell as Chair for the P&Z. The current members of the ARB, BOA and P&Z were nominated to be reappointed to serve two year terms that run concurrently with the Mayor's term of Office through May 2011.

A motion was made by Councilman McCormick to approve the ordinance appointing members to the City of Alamo Heights' BOA, and P&Z Commission; appointing Lori Becknell as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission and reappointing the current members to ARB, BOA and P&Z. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kiel and passed by unanimous vote.

Lori Becknell, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission, expressed appreciation for her appointment as Chairman of P&Z Commission to serve the community.

Item # 8 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009R-006

A Resolution approving the City's Support of the 2010 Census and partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna introduced Lupe Ochoa and Issac Gerami, partnership specialists for the U.S. Census Bureau seeking the City's support of the 2010 Census. Staff recommended approval of the resolution.

Mr. Gerami presented a DVD on the importance of census data and encouraged full participation of the citizens in Alamo Heights in the 2010 Census. Mr. Gerami and Ms. Ochoa responded to questions from the City Council members. Ms. Ochoa provided a toll-free number, 866-861-2010, for the public to call if they have any questions or concerns. In addition, information may also be found at the U.S. Census Bureau's website, www.census.gov.

A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kiel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rosenthal and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 9 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

Prohibiting the use of a hand-held communications device while operating a motor vehicle in designated school crossing zones

Police Chief Rick Pruitt gave a PowerPoint presentation that included background information. Staff recommended approval.

Chief Pruitt stated that House Bill 55, sponsored by Senator Carona (Dallas) was signed into law by Governor Perry on May 19, 2009 and became effective on September 1, 2009. Amended Section 545.425 of the Texas Transportation Code prohibits the use of hand-held communications devices while operating a motor vehicle within a school crossing zone unless a hands-free device is used or the motor vehicle is stopped.

The amended section 545.425 requires a municipality to post signage at the beginning of each school crossing zone designated as an enforcement zone. The required signage must meet standards set by the Texas Department of Transportation and must be mounted directly below the school crossing zone sign.

There was coordination with the Alamo Heights Independent School District and the proposal was reviewed by the members of the Infrastructure and Services Committee.

After discussion, a motion for approval was made by Councilman Rosenthal. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harwell and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 10 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009R-007

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas adopting the City of Alamo Heights Investment Policy as Revised September 14, 2009

Finance Director Cynthia Barr made a PowerPoint presentation that included background information and proposed revisions. Staff recommended approval.

There have been no legislative changes to the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) which require changes to the City's Investment Policy since it was last reviewed. The proposed changes include the following: 1) Changing delegation of authority from City Treasurer to City Finance Director and 2) Changing delegation of authority from City Accountant to Assistant to the City Manager.

A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kiel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rosenthal and passed by unanimous vote.

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A closed session was not conducted.

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A motion was made by Councilman McCormick to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kiel and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Louis Cooper
Mayor



Jennifer Reyna, TRMC
City Secretary